GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1044
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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out strategies to double the foodgrain production in the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether additional funds have been allocated for the same;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for increasing the yield of paddy and oilseeds through the use of Most-Modern Technology; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. There is no proposal to double the foodgrain production in the next ten years.

(b) & (c): Question does not arise.

(d) & (e): All the states including Tamil Nadu are being given assistance under Macro Management scheme for increasing the production of foodgrains, which includes paddy also. Under the programme an amount of Rs.42.00 crores has been allocated to Tamil Nadu during the year 2002-03. In addition, for increasing the production of oilseeds, Oilseeds ProductionProgramme (OPP) is also being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu under which an amount of Rs.4.50 crores has been allocated to Tamil Nadu during 2002-03.